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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :
CHANCHAL KUMAR GHOSH, et al :
Serial No. 10/047,689 : Group Art Unit 1751
Filed 15 January 2002 : Examiner E. Elhilo
For **CLEANING COMPOSITIONS** :
CONTAINING MULTIPLY-
SUBSTITUTED PROTEASE
VARIANTS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 18 July 2002, please consider the subsequent Remarks. Moreover, the Applicants hereby petition the Office for a three-month extension of time in which to prosecute the present application. In this respect, the Applicants wish to note that the submission deadline for a response to the pending Office Action in the above-identified case would have been due, with a three-month extension of time, on 18 January 2003. Because 18 January 2003 fell on a Saturday, the deadline for submission of the present response was extended to Monday, 20 January 2003, which was a national holiday (Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday) on which the Office was closed. Thus, the Applicants submit that their submission of the instant response, with a three-month extension, is timely and should be considered. The Applicants hereby authorize the Office to charge any and all necessary fees, and credit any overpayment thereof, to maintain the pendency of the present application, to the Applicants Deposit Account, No. 16-2480.

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